

MEMO TO ALL WATER USERS OF LITTLE BEAR RIVER DRAINAGE AREA

1959

In order to place in effect the Interloctory Decree on the Little Bear River Drainage Area, entered by Judge Lewis Jones in 1956 and to thus correct any inadvertent errors in the Proposed Determination of Water Rights, it will be necessary for us to distribute the waters of this area according to this decree in the 1958 irrigation season.

The distribution division of the State Engineer's Office must operate under Section 73-5-1, Utah Code Annotated, 1953 (see enclosed copy of statute), the program of necessity would have to be financed by the water user's through an assessment system, whereby each user would have to be assessed on the extent of his decreed right.

We are proposing a meeting February 25, 1958 at 1:00 P.M. at the Logan Courthouse with the water users of this area to discuss and take action on the following items:

1. Appointment of a representative water user's committee.
2. Appointment of a water commissioner.
3. To formulate a budget for the distribution of water in 1958.
4. Determination of an agreeable method of assessment.

It is hoped that the water user's will appoint a water user's committee that will represent them in all phases of this program.

To insure control and equitable distribution of water, a Water Commissioner will be appointed. He will be responsible for the control and measurement of all diversions from springs, drains, wells and streams in the area where use exceeds 10 acre feet. The water measurements and other information gathered by the Commissioner will be included in the commissioner's annual report. The information included in this report will be of invaluable aid in protecting and firming up the existing rights.

A program of distribution under the determination of water rights will present many problems. It is hoped that through cooperative effort these problems may be worked out to the benefit of all users.

Any assistance we can give to the water users in carrying out this program will be gladly given to aid in the proper administration of the water.